

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4951–S5050

Measures Introduced: Five bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3496–3500, S.J. Res. 32, and S. Res. 554–559. **Pages S4989–90**

Measures Passed:

United States-Korea Alliance: Senate passed S.J. Res. 32, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and reaffirming the United States-Korea alliance. **Pages S5044–45**

Commending EyeCare America: Senate agreed to S. Res. 557, commending EyeCare America for its volunteerism and efforts to preserve eyesight throughout the previous 25 years. **Page S5045**

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 558, designating the week beginning September 12, 2010, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week.” **Pages S5045–46**

Juneteenth Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 559, observing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day. **Pages S5046–47**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 191), Reid Amendment No. 4344, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time for closing on a principal residence eligible for the first-time homebuyer credit. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to).

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Withdrawn:

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4959**

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 192), Isakson Amendment No. 4351, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time for closing on a principal residence eligible for the first-time homebuyer credit. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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Pending:

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. (The motion to concur with amendment incorporates the provisions of previously agreed upon amendments 4302, as modified, 4326 and 4311, as modified, and Reid Amendment No. 4344 (listed above).)

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 18, 2010.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 190), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the

Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4301, as being in violation of section 311(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the motion to concur with an amendment was withdrawn. **Pages S4958–59**

Reid Amendment No. 4344 (to Amendment No. 4301), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time for closing on a principal residence eligible for the first-time homebuyer credit, fell when Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Page S4958**

Thune/McConnell Amendment No. 4333 (to Amendment No. 4301), of a perfecting nature, fell when Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Pages S4958, S4971–72**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2010. **Page S5047**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Judith R. Fergin, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—192) **Pages S4958–59, S4971**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5047.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. McMullen, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL PAYMENT OF INTERCHANGE FEES OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal payment of interchange fees, focusing on how to save taxpayer dollars, after receiving testimony from Gary Grippio, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Fiscal Operations and Policy; Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Janet Langenderfer, Senior Director, Credit Cards, National Railroad Passenger Corporation-Amtrak, and Ed Mierzewski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Bruce Sullivan, Visa Inc., San Francisco, California; and Wendy Chronister, Qik'n EZ Stores, Springfield, Illinois.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Michele P. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, both of the Department of Defense.

LANDS AND FORESTS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 3294, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 3310, to designate certain wilderness areas in the National Forest System in the State of South Dakota, and S. 3313, to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, after receiving testimony from Senators Crapo, Ensign, and

Thune; Representative Simpson; Carl Rountree, Director, National Landscape Conservation System, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Rick Johnson, Idaho Conservation League, Caldwell; Bill Dart, Idaho Recreation Council, Boise; Steve Sisolak, Clark County Board of Commissioners, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Dan O'Brien and Scott Edoff, both of Hermosa, South Dakota.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), focusing on views from the Pentagon, after receiving testimony from James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, General Kevin P. Chilton, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, Director, Missile Defense Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

OIL SPILL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, focusing on ensuring a financially responsible recovery and how the cost of major spills may impact viability of oil spill liability trust fund, after receiving testimony from Senator Lautenberg; Craig Bennett, Director, National Pollution Funds Center, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Susan A. Flem-

ing, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Darryl Willis, BP America, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Steven Newman, Transocean, Ltd., Denver, Colorado.

RURAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans Affairs health care in rural areas, after receiving testimony from James F. Ahrens, Chairman, Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee, Office of Rural Health, Robert Jesse, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Brigadier General Deborah McManus, Assistant Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard, Fort Richardson; Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.; Ronald L. Putnam, Haywood County Veterans Services, Waynesville, North Carolina; and Dan Winkelman, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel, Alaska.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the retirement challenge, focusing on making savings last a lifetime, after receiving testimony from Phyllis C. Borzi, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration; J. Mark Iwry, Senior Adviser to the Secretary of the Treasury and Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary for Retirement and Health Policy; Ted Beck, National Endowment for Financial Education, Denver, Colorado; Kelli Hueler, Hueler Companies, Eden Prairie, Minnesota; William J. Mullaney, MetLife, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; and Lisa Mensah, Aspen Institute Initiative on Financial Security, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5535–5548; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89; and H. Res. 1446–1447, 1449 were introduced. **Pages H4596–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4597–98**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1448, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses (H. Rept. 111–508).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4509**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Joshua Davidson, Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester, Chappaqua, New York.

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Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 5297, to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 17th.

Pages H4513–42

Agreed by unanimous consent that the instruction in the amendment printed in part B of House Report 111–506 relating to page 11, line 8, be considered to refer to section 4(d)(2)(A) of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment printed in part A of such report, as amended by the amendment in part B of such report. **Page H4513**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–506, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–506, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

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Nye amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that adds four stipulations to the Small Business Lending Fund to ensure small businesses are not excluded from certain programs in the bill: (1) base SBLF incentives on number of loans an institution makes, not just the total dollars of loans; (2) include Small Business Lending Centers with less than \$10 billion in assets as qualified financial institutions to participate in the SBLF; (3) add the SBA definition to define what a small business is; and (4) change the base lending amount from a comparison of the fourth quarter of 2009, to a full year of data;

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Minnick amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–506), as modified, that makes non-owner occupied commercial real estate loans eligible for the program;

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Perlmutter amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that allows small banks to amortize losses or write-downs on commercial real estate loans over a 10-year period, freeing up more capital for these small institutions to lend to small businesses;

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Price (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that expresses the Sense of Congress that small business lending is being hindered by mixed messages from federal financial regulators;

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Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that improves disclosures by eligible institutions receiving funding under the program;

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Driehaus amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that institutes a new Office of Small Business Lending Fund Oversight;

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Michaud amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that ensures that state-run venture capital fund programs will be able to qualify as “state other credit support programs,” as long as they do not use funds under H.R. 5297 to lend to businesses with more than 750 employees. It clarifies that state-run venture capital fund programs will be able to qualify as “state other credit support programs,” as long as they meet all other requirements;

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Loretta Sanchez (CA) amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that includes as part of the selection criteria for investment companies the extent to which the applicant will concentrate investment

activities on small business concerns in targeted industries; **Pages H4538–39**

Cuellar amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that requires the Secretary to take into consideration areas with high unemployment rates that exceed the national average to increase opportunities for small business development; **Page H4539**

Braley (IA) amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that requires the use of plain writing by the Department of the Treasury and the Small Business Administration for documents relevant to obtaining a benefit or service under the bill; **Pages H4539–40**

Loebsack amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that includes a Sense of Congress stating that agriculture operations, farms, and rural communities should receive equal consideration through lending activities for small businesses, particularly small and mid-size farms and agriculture operations; and attention should be given to ensuring there is adequate small business credit and financing availability in the agriculture and farming sectors; and **Pages H4540–41**

Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that (1) requires the inclusion of linguistically and culturally appropriate outreach where appropriate to the applicants small business lending plan; (2) provides for linguistically and culturally appropriate minority outreach and advertising; (3) explicitly states minority-owned financial institutions are eligible for consideration of by the Secretary for funding; and (4) requires the Secretary, to the extent possible, to disaggregate the results of the report on women-owned and minority-owned business by ethnic group and gender. **Pages H4541–42**

Proceedings Postponed:

Israel amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that seeks to add veteran- and women-owned businesses to the groups that will receive outreach under the Small Business Lending Fund established by the bill. It seeks to add veteran-owned businesses to those businesses that should receive consideration in the Fund, add veterans to the study on lending assistance, and require the study to report not just on the number of loans made to women-, veteran- and minority-owned businesses, but the percent of loans that go to them as a part of the program and **Page H4529**

Cao amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–506) that seeks to provide funding to eligible institutions that serve small businesses in communities that have suffered negative economic effects as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill with particular consideration to States along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. **Pages H4537–38**

H. Res. 1436, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5486) and (H.R. 5297) was agreed to on Tuesday, June 15th.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act: H.R. 4451, amended, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects; **Pages H4542–43**

Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 101st anniversary: H. Con. Res. 242, to honor and praise the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 101st anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 365; **Pages H4543–46, H4568–69**

Honoring the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary: H. Res. 1422, to honor the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 366; and **Pages H4546–48, H4569**

Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act of 2010: H.R. 2142, amended, to require the review of Government programs at least once every 5 years for purposes of assessing their performance and improving their operations, and to establish the Performance Improvement Council. **Pages H4553–59**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council.”. **Page H4559**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 15th:

Congratulating Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus: H. Res. 1414, amended, to congratulate Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus, the Nation’s first all-male charter high school, for achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate for all 107 members of its first graduating class of 2010, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 420 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 367. **Pages H4569–70**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Supporting the goals and ideals of American Education Week: H. Res. 879, amended, to support the goals and ideals of American Education Week;

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Commending and congratulating the Hollywood Walk of Fame on the occasion of its 50th anniversary: H. Res. 1357, to commend and congratulate the Hollywood Walk of Fame on the occasion of its 50th anniversary;

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Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day: H. Res. 1429, to celebrate the symbol of the United States flag and to support the goals and ideals of Flag Day;

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and reaffirming the United States-Korea alliance: H. J. Res. 86, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and to reaffirm the United States-Korea alliance; and

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Recognizing the 235th birthday of the United States Army: H. Con. Res. 286, to recognize the 235th birthday of the United States Army.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1447, electing certain minority members to certain standing committees: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Rooney. Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Graves (GA). Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Graves (GA).

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Discharge Petition: Representative King (IA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Rules, House Administration, and Appropriations from the consideration of H.R. 4972, to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Discharge Petition No. 11).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4509.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4568–69, H4569, H4570. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on developments in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from

the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; and GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command.

FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS ACCOUNTABILITY; CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY EXPORT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4678, Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act; and H.R. 5156, Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act. Testimony was heard from Jeremy Baskin, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Mary Saunders, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manufacturing and Services, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OIL SPILL HEALTH EFFECTS—HHS ACTIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “HHS Actions to Identify and Address Health Effects of the BP Oil Spill.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Mike Taylor, Deputy Commissioner, Foods, FDA; Lisa Kaplowitz, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response; and Aubrey Miller, M.D., Senior Medical Advisor, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH.

PRESS FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Press Freedom in the Americas. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY’S CYBERSECURITY ROLE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: DHS’ Role, Federal Efforts and National Policy.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Greg Schaffer, Assistant Secretary, Cybersecurity and Communications; and Richard Skinner, Inspector General; Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Technology, GAO; and a public witness.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Competition in the Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 1406, Directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the potential designation of National Monuments; H.R. 1554, as amended, Fountainhead Property Land Transfer Act; H.R. 4445, as amended, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act; H.R. 2340, as amended, Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act; H.R. 3914, as amended, San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 3923, as amended, Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2009; H.R. 3967, To amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015; H.R. 4514, as amended, Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act; H.R. 4686, as amended, Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act; H.R. 3989, Heart Mountain Relocation Center Study Act of 2009; H.R. 4773, Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act; H.R. 4973, as amended, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act of 2010; and H.R. 2864, as amended, To amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING FUND ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 5297, Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010. The rule provides that pursuant to House Resolution 1436, it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules as though they were the last two amendments printed in part C of House Report 111–506.

RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Real-Time Forecasting for Renewable Energy Development. Testimony was heard from Jamie Simler, Director, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED UNITED-CONTINENTAL AIRLINE MERGER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on The Proposed United-Continental Merger: Possible Effects for Consumers and the Industry. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gutierrez, Payne and Kucinich; Glenn F. Tilton, Chairman, President and CEO, United Airlines Corporation; Jeffery Smisek, Chairman, President and CEO, Continental Airlines, Inc.; and public witnesses.

CHINA'S TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on China's Trade and Industrial Policies. Testimony was heard from Representatives Spratt, Larsen, Paulson, Schauer, and Schock; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**RESTORING AMERICAN FINANCIAL STABILITY ACT**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4173, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, June 17th.

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine global threats, European security and parliamentary cooperation, focusing on what parliamentarians can do to work together on some of the most significant challenges facing the world, after receiving testimony from Joao Soares, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly, Lisbon, Portugal.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D666)

S. 3473, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Signed on June 15, 2010. (Public Law 111–191)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Sara Louise Faivre-Davis, of Texas, Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, and Myles J. Watts, of Montana, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, time to be announced, room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology, to hold hearings to examine S. 3102, to amend the miscellaneous rural development provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to certain entities that will use the funds to make loans to consumers to implement energy efficiency measures involving structural improvements and investments in cost-effective, commercial off-the-shelf technologies to reduce home energy use, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) and the implications for national security programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the financial state of the airline industry and the implications of consolidation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine protecting workers and businesses affected by misclassification, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John S. Pistole, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on the No Child Left Behind Act, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, S. 3466, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, H.R. 908, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, S. 258, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, and the nominations of John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Pamela Cothran Marsh, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, Peter J. Smith, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania,

and Kevin Anthony Carr, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine harnessing small business innovation, focusing on navigating the evaluation process for Gulf Coast oil cleanup proposals, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review U.S. farm safety net programs in advance of the 2012 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Administration's Expedited Rescission Proposal, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on the Department of Education Inspector General's Review of Standards for Program Length in Higher Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing on a discussion draft to provide funding for the construction and maintenance of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network and on H.R. 4829, Next Generation 9-1-1 Preservation Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Role of BP in the Deepwater Horizon Explosion and Oil Spill," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on the Horn of Africa: Current Conditions and U.S. Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, to continue joint hearings entitled "SBInet: Does it Pass the Border Security Test?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on Racial Profiling and the Use of Suspect Classifications in Law Enforcement Policy, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 4213, American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act, and after a period of debate, vote in relation to Thune Amendment No. 4333, at approximately 12 noon, with additional rollcall votes expected to occur throughout the day.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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